



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box

PTO/SB/01 (03-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0032  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing

Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)

OR

Attorney Docket Number SPINE 3.0-414

First Named Inventor Jérôme David

**COMPLETE IF KNOWN**

Application Number 10/695,849

Filing Date October 29, 2003

Group Art Unit N/A

Examiner Name Not Yet Assigned

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BONE FIXATION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/29/2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application No. 10/695,849 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365 (a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
0311291	FR	09/26/2003	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box



Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

## DECLARATION — Utility or Design Patent Application

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 000530

Direct all correspondence to:  Customer Number or Bar Code Label **000530** OR  Correspondence address below

Name

Address

City

State

ZIP

Country

Telephone

Fax

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:

A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name  
(first and middle [if any])

Jérôme

Family Name  
or Surname

David

Inventor's  
Signature

Date **06.01.04**

Residence: City **Bordeaux**

State

Country **France**

Citizenship **US**

Mailing  
Address:

**281 Avenue Thiers**

City

**Bordeaux**

State

ZIP **33100**

Country **France**

NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:

A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name  
(first and middle [if any])

Family Name  
or Surname

Inventor's  
Signature

Date

Residence: City

State

Country

Citizenship

Mailing  
Address:

City

State

ZIP

Country

Additional inventors are being named on the \_\_\_\_\_ supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.